

The Intelligencer.

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Business increases in the German army. There is the hope of France for a respite.

The strike of the journeyman plumbers of New York, says the *Star*, has cost them over \$175,000.

Mr. AMOUR will need to keep a watchful eye on the buckwheat cake that smiles in the morning.

INGERSOLL lands the log cabin as the perfection of homely bliss. But it isn't every poor man who can afford a \$10,000 log cabin, such as Ingersoll has for a country seat.

Mr. BAYARD's friend Sedgwick, the late special envoy to Mexico, is again pressed to an admirable position. Mr. Bayard is not always fortunate in his friendships.

Col. TOM O'NEILL says Buffalo Bill told him that his individual profits at the Island last season were \$200,000. That is a big pile, but Thomas is one of our tallest talkers.

Western Union sends 100,000 messages a day from New York, where it will soon have all its wires out of sight. One of these days we shall see, so to speak, all the telegraph wires out of sight in cities.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decides that a common carrier can not limit the liability by a receipt given the shipper at the time of shipment. United States Court decisions are, we believe, the other way.

The Chicago strikers got nothing that they asked for. All the great strikes are proving unsuccesses. Experience fortifies theory. A strike is not a profitable venture, and the boycott, as its handmaid, is a failure besides being a crime.

SPEAKER CARLISLE doesn't make a fair point on Henry George's vote. Mr. George was not running on the free trade issue, though it is true that he is a rank free trader. As for Congressman Lawler, his character is so malodorous it is a wonder that he can find a constituency to tolerate him.

At the marriage of Abram S. Hewitt's daughter to Mr. Green, second son of Dr. Norvin Green (Western Union), Allan Thorndike Rice, who "did up" Minister Phelps, acted as best man. Yet the President has been trying to find an Administration triumph in the election of Mr. Hewitt to the Mayorship of New York.

Now it is said that suspended District Attorney Benton, of Missouri, is to be reinstated, it having been discovered that he did not neglect the business of his office, though he did make political speeches. What about suspended District Attorney Stone, of Pennsylvania? He was suspended for making Republican speeches, and the business of his office was neglected. If Benton, the Democrat, is to be restored, why not Stone, the Republican? There is no political dividing in the genuine article of Civil Service reform. Is there, Mr. President?

Look at this from the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*. W. H. H. Flick, a new Republican Congressman from Virginia, weighs more than 300 pounds.

We must inform our contemporary that Judge Flick is of West Virginia, not of the Old Dominion; that he missed by a hair's breadth in his splendid effort to upset a big Democratic majority; that his weight is an undetermined quantity. They tried to weigh him once at the cattle show in his town, but the scales broke down and the suit for damages has never been tried.

The Wheeling folks and their friends in Bombay are endeavoring to build a passenger. Rev. Dr. Stone, in one of his entertaining letters on another page, suggests that if each reader of the *Intelligencer* would give a dollar that would help a good deal. Bless your West Virginia son, doctor, that would build the passenger and furnish it, and put a perpetual insurance on it, and stock the order for the third generation, and provide a grand piano and some other delicacies of the season. There is probably not an *Intelligencer* reader who doesn't get more than a dollar's worth of pleasure out of each of Dr. Stone's letters. Send along the dollar as a Christmas gift to a good cause, and be quick about it.

Green Glass Manufacturers. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 17.—Notwithstanding the sanguine expectations of the members of the Green Glass Blowers' League, that no trouble would be experienced in getting the manufacturers to accept the provisions of the Atlantic City resolution abolishing the apprentices system, reaffirmed in Camden last Saturday, a number of prominent manufacturers in this city say that several of the factories throughout New Jersey will be summarily stopped. It is said that some of the manufacturers in the southern part of the State made a contract last June with the blowers, which is to remain in force till June 30, 1887, fixing rates of wages and regulations regarding the number of apprentices. It is thought that some of the blowers in these establishments may be induced to withdraw from the Knights of Labor in order to remain faithful to their contract with their employers.

Incendiary Fire. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—Fire broke out last night in the large two-story building in the yards of the Ganahl Lumber Company, at the corner of Lombard and Second streets. The fire department was soon on the ground, but owing to the inflammable nature of the contents of the building the flames spread rapidly, consuming the building and spreading to the numerous lumber piles which surrounded it. The wind drove the flames from pile to pile, but by hard work they were confined to this one yard and prevented from spreading to those adjacent. The loss is \$20,000, fully covered by insurance. Several incendiary fires in this district have occurred of late, and it is thought that this one was set by a number of hoodlums who infest the district.

The cure of ill to which the human race is heir, is due to the use of St. Jacob's Oil.

SPEAKER CARLISLE AT THE IROQUOIS BANQUET.

He Makes a Free Trade Speech and Attacks the Protective Tariff System—He Extracts Some Comfort Out of the Results of the Recent Elections.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—At the banquet of the Iroquois club this evening in honor of Speaker Carlisle that gentleman was received with great applause and spoke as follows: Although the toast just read asserts a self-evident truth we cannot afford to ignore the fact that even in this age of philosophical speculation and practical knowledge, there are men in the front ranks of literature, politics and business who seriously contend that the Government can make its citizens rich and prosperous by taxing them. If these gentlemen should attempt to convince the public that the farmer could be made more prosperous by increasing the tax on his land, or that the manufacturer could be benefited by compelling him to pay a high rate of taxation on his machinery or his income, the absurdity of their proposal would be so apparent as to excite universal ridicule. And yet what proposal would be more absurd or unreasonable than the assertion that the prosperity of the people generally can be increased by imposing taxes upon their food, their clothing, their household materials, the means of transportation and the implements used in their industries.

Taxes do not create wealth; they destroy it. All taxation, whether it be direct or indirect, and no matter how it may be levied, or in what manner the payment may be enforced, is ultimately a charge upon labor, while its immediate and available effect is to withdraw the full amount of the exaction from the productive industries of the people.

SAME OLD FALLACY.

When it is equitably imposed for public purposes only and its proceeds are honestly used in defraying the necessary expenses and meeting the just obligations of the Government, all are equally benefited and no one has a right to complain; but when a tax is imposed upon one part of the people or one class of industries simply for the purpose of increasing the wealth of another part of the people or another class of industries; or when a tax is so laid that its necessary effect is to increase the profits in some industries at the expense of others equally meritorious, the imposition of such a tax is not only an attempt to do wrong, but it is an attempt to do wrong to the detriment of the community.

As to the question of the tariff, it is too obvious to require comment. Absolute equality in the adjustment of the rates of taxation and in the designation of the articles upon which it shall be imposed is not to be expected and it is not to be desired. But substantial equality and uniformity are essential in every just revenue system. So long as the law of taxation is exercised only for the purpose of raising revenue for the support of the Government, and not for the purpose of increasing the wealth of one class at the expense of another, it is not only just, but it is wise.

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